

• OLD ACADEMY • OF • RICHMOND • COUNTY •

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of Georgia

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Harold Bush-Brown, - District Officer  
Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia

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## OLD ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY

(Now a Museum &amp; Library)

Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia

(540 Telfair St. opposite Courthouse)

Owner: Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County. Occupied by Young Men's Library Association, and Augusta Museum.

Date of Erection: Earlier buildings 1802 remodeled to give present aspect in 1856-57.

Architect - Builder: William Henry Goodrich.

Present Condition: Good. No suggestion of what the original building looked like remains.

Materials of Construction: Stucco on handmade brick masonry exterior walls.

Other Existing Records: Minutes of Meetings of the Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County.

Additional Data: The following information supplied by Jacob H. Lowrey, of Augusta, 1936: -

An earlier date often ascribed to this building arises from the fact that the original building was erected on Bay Street between Elbert and Lincoln Streets in 1784 or shortly thereafter, the institution having been created under the Statute of 1783. School opened in the original building on the present site, November 1, 1802 under Clement Early, Senior tutor. This building was remodeled as it now stands in 1856-57 by William Henry Goodrich, architect - builder.

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Additional Data Cont'd. Minutes of the meetings of the

Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County state that on April 19, 1856, there was appointed "a building committee to superintend the contemplated repairs to the Academy with power to adopt plans and contract for the completion of same," the total of the itemized estimates being \$11,490.00. On Oct. 16, 1856 another committee was appointed "to have the Academy lot suitably enclosed, and also to produce suitable furniture for the school rooms." At the May meeting 1857, of the trustees, on account of the "building not having been finished at the time promised" resulting in attendance falling off, two teachers asked for "relief" and were voted a city bond of \$500 to help maintain them.

During War Between States used as a Confederate Hospital.

*Harold Bush-Brown*HAROLD BUSH-BROWN Dec 1, 1936  
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